

HONORING GIRARD BASTIEN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the career of Girard Bastien, an outstanding member of our eastern Connecticut community. After six decades of service in the Baltic Fire Department, in Baltic, Connecticut, Girard will commemorate his retirement with family and friends on October 25, 2008 with a celebratory dinner.

As a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Girard's commitment to public service began early in life. In August 1948, between service in WWII and the Korean War, Girard joined the Baltic Fire Department and launched a lifelong career that would span six decades. During his career, Girard achieved the rank of Deputy Chief, was a member of the New London County Fire Chiefs' Association, and served as the Sprague Tree Warden between 1954 and 1990. Additionally, Girard was the head of the Baltic Fire Department kitchen and orchestrated weekly bingo event in recent years.

Support from his wife of 62 years, Jeanette, as well as his sons, Dennis and Edward have made his career a long and fruitful one.

Madam Speaker, Girard's lifetime of public service has and will continue to inspire our eastern Connecticut community, and I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in recognizing and celebrating this service.

HONORING GERALD A. EHINGER
ON BEING NAMED OGEMAW
COUNTY'S VETERAN OF THE
YEAR

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Gerald A. Ehinger of West Branch, Michigan. Mr. Ehinger has been named Ogemaw County's Veteran of the Year, and I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring him on this momentous occasion.

Born in West Branch, Michigan on February 9, 1927 to Anthony and Elizabeth Ehinger, Gerald Ehinger grew up in a large family with six brothers and three sisters. He attended and graduated in 1943 from St. Joseph Catholic High School of West Branch. After graduation Mr. Ehinger held several different jobs until he joined the U.S. Army.

In November of 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and attended basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Following graduation, he was assigned to the 972nd Signal Service Battalion, stationed at Konehe Naval Air Base in Hawaii. He served there for one year installing and repairing communication lines throughout the island. In February 1947, he was honorably discharged and returned back to his hometown of West Branch, Michigan.

From 1947 until his retirement in 1983, he worked for Consumers Power Company as a service lineman, working the last 25 years as

a lineman supervisor. On May 12, 1956 he married his wife of 52 years, Joan. Together they have four wonderful children, three daughters and a son: Geri Marie, Katherine, Susan and John. Gerald and Joan are also the proud grandparents of six.

Since he left the Army, Mr. Ehinger has been involved in numerous civic and veterans organizations, including: the American Legion Post 103, of which he is a lifetime member of more than 50 years; the Knights of Columbus and the National Rifle Association. Mr. Ehinger has also served on the Board of Directors of Ogemaw County's Emergency Assistance Program and as President of the Spring Creek Hunt Club.

Gerald Ehinger is being honored as Ogemaw County's Veteran of the Year this Veteran's Day by the Ogemaw County Veterans Alliance. In accepting the award, Mr. Ehinger wrote, "I accept this award knowing that many other veterans are more deserving of it than I am and do so wish to thank each and everyone for this honor." Himself a U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Ehinger has been an advocate for the veterans of Ogemaw County and a distinguished leader within the community.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Ehinger selflessly served his country and has advocated for his fellow veterans ever since. I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in honoring Gerald Ehinger as he receives the Veteran of the Year award from the Ogemaw County Veterans Alliance.

CONGRATULATING DR. JOSEPH M.
LOMBARDO UPON HIS SELECTION
FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Dr. Joseph M. Lombardo, of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who was chosen by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County to receive its 2008 "Lifetime Achievement Award." I can think of no one more deserving of this great honor.

Born in the city of Pittston, Pennsylvania, Dr. Lombardo is a son of the late Michael and Louise Ross Lombardo. He has a sister, Colette, and a brother, Michael. He has been married to Mary Elizabeth Smith Lombardo for 45 years. They are the parents of eight children: Michael, Joseph, James, John (deceased), Lisa, Francis, Michelle and Robert. The couple also has 13 grandchildren.

Dr. Lombardo was class president and a summa cum laude graduate of Pittston High School in 1956. He graduated with honors from Scranton University with a bachelor's degree in biology. He graduated from Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois, in 1964. He served his internship at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital from 1964 to 1965.

Dr. Lombardo served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1966 at the rank of Captain. He served for 30 years in the inactive reserve at the rank of Colonel. He received a commendation from President Richard Nixon and Gov. Milton Schapp for meritorious serv-

ice during the Vietnam conflict. He served as medical director for Selective Service Board No. 97 until the end of the military draft. He was a consultant for the U. S. Military at AFEES Induction Center, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was medical director for the Blood Plasma Unit in Wilkes-Barre; medical director for Social Security, Wilkes-Barre, from 1974 to 1988 and medical director, Wesley Village, 1976 to 1996.

Dr. Lombardo started his medical practice in greater Pittston 40 years ago. He was medical director for Heritage House and Hampton House. He has been the sports doctor for Pittston Area High School for 40 years. He instituted the Department of Family Practice at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital from 1985 to 1987. He was a member of the Hospital Board from 1985 to 1987. He was a board member of Retreat State Hospital from 1972 to 1976; a board member of Luzerne County Community College from 1981 to the present, the longest serving member of that board and he is a member of the Wilkes Hahnemann Board that secured a 6 year medical program and served as clinical instructor at Loyola Medical College and Hahnemann Medical School.

Dr. Lombardo was elected to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service to the hospital and staff. He was also elected to the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame for the Sam Falcone Lifetime Award along with Dr. Nicholas Ruggiero and Dr. Charles Myers. He started the Anthraco-silicosis Clinic at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and served pro bono at that clinic for 15 years. He was the first full-time emergency room doctor at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital along with Dr. Pat DeGennaro. He served 15 years at Charity Clinic of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and 5 years as physician for the Pittston Blood Drive. He is also a former Rotarian.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Lombardo on the occasion of this auspicious honor. His devotion and commitment to the community in which he was born and raised has been extraordinary and is an inspiration to others. He is truly deserving of this special award.

EARMARK DECLARATION**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I submit the following: Pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, the Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2009.

1. Advanced Drivetrains for Enhanced Mobility and Safety.

Department: Defense.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eaton Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 19218 B Drive South, Marshall, MI 49068.

Description of Request: This request is to provide funding for the final phase of an ongoing three phase program between Eaton